

+Minutes of the River Oaks Parks Board

May 6, 2021

The Council Chambers, 4900 River Oaks Blvd., River Oaks, TX 76114

Members Present:

David Ballard, Chairman
Bob Jamison, Place 1
Jlynn Vandiver, Secretary
James Myrick, Place 3
Joksan Holquin, Place 4
Jill Walker, Alternate 1

Staff Present:

Marvin Gregory, City Manager
Gordon Smith, Public Works Director
Maria Tueme, Public Works Secretary

Virtual Attendees: Eric and Erica Scalzo

Members Absent:

Joe Ashton (excused)

1. Meeting was called to order by David Ballard, Chairman, at 6:30 p.m.
2. Public Testimony:
3. Member Roll Call:
Members Ballard, Jamison, Vandiver, Myrick, Holquin, Walker
4. Approval of Board Minutes from the Meeting on April 1, 2021 with corrections. Bob Jamison made a motion to approve the minutes and James Myrick 2nd the motion. All Aye. The Minutes will be amended and delivered to Marvin Gregory for David Ballard to sign.
5. Report from Mayor Joe Ashton:
Mayor Ashton absent from meeting.
6. Discussion regarding plans for artistic signage at Woolridge Skate Park.
Jill Walker met with Abby Crawford, head of the CHS art department to discuss the mural art project for Woolridge Park. Rachael Stilsel and Crystal Ponds, teachers also had input. They have a much more intense vision of the project than Jill has. They envision that each student group would be given a section to paint. This project would be more expensive than what Jill is planning. The materials will be more expensive. They would like to have painted boards on the inside and the outside of the fence panels. Where will the panels be painted? Will the oversight of the students and project be done by the teachers or Park Board Members? David Ballard suggested that the concrete not be painted. After much use, the concrete would need to be scraped to be repainted. This is a lot of up-keep. The panels on the fences could be interchanged, which would be more cost effective and be more visible.

David Ballard asked Jill to meet with the teachers at CHS before school is out in two weeks. He would like them to have a plan in place for the fall semester. This gives them time during the summer to work on the plan and engage the students.

Discussion among board members addressed concerns about too much paint and that it might be distracting. It was suggested that we talk to the skaters and get their input. Jill will do more research and more discussion of the placement of the paintings. Jill has also spoken to Robbie Percy, a resident of River Oaks who is interested in helping.

Jill is planning on applying for the \$250.00 grant. She is willing to match the grant and Robbie Pearcy is willing to help fund raise for a skate board ramp. This will need the approval of the Council.

Woolridge Park needs another trash can. How often is the trash collected at Woolridge Park? Trash can seems to be overflowing on a regular basis. Trash was actually inside one of the fixtures at the park.

7. Committee Reports:

Heritage Park: Erica Scalzo reported that everything is planted. They have four (4) volunteers who are watering and weeding. At this time they are waiting on everything to grow.

Lion's Triangle: Looks good. There is grass growing in the crushed granite. Public Works will pressure wash after street maintenance is completed.

Woolridge Park: No trash can as of today. Bricks and stonework is falling apart on one corner inside the skate park. Storm water drainage has caused some damage. Some vandalism is apparent. There is a lot of drainage between the Skate Park and the BMX trail. A few of the top stones have come off by the houses. Joksan suggested that we get students from the Construction Department at the high school to help with the maintenance or repairs.

McGee Park. Still more trash cans needed. Lawn mowing is not well managed. Bottom fence railings need to be secured in many places. What time are lights to be turned off? Who pays the electric bill for the lighting? McGee Park sign needs to be repainted. Grass is growing into the playground areas. It needs to be filled with mulch. Nets are on backorder. The backdrop was adjusted. Gordon will check with Jeremy about restriping the basketball court.

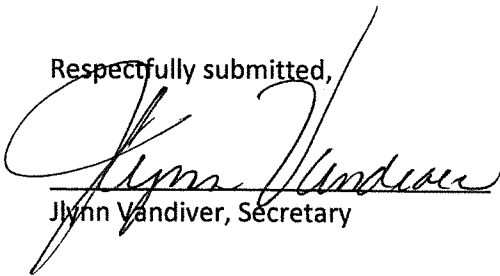
Lone Star JR Park: Jill furnished names and references to James Myrick to design and implement the Indy 500 track for the park. The cost is approximately \$7.25/sqft. Would like to have this completed by November. Have only one bench at this time. This is not a MEMORIAL, just a dedication for an achievement by a citizen of River Oaks. At this time, This is #1 Project.

The sprinkler system needs to be cut out of the park. There are broken sprinkler parts and landscape fabric visible all over the park.

A SPECIAL WORK SESSION will be held on May 13th to tour the parks to discuss issues. We will meet at McGee Park at 6:30 on the Glenwick side.

David Ballard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jlynn Vandiver seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ballard at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jlynn Vandiver, Secretary

APPROVED:


David Ballard, Chairman

CITY OF RIVER OAKS
 EXPENDITURES REPORT (UNAUDITED)
 AS OF: MAY 31ST, 2021

01 -GENERAL FUND
 24 -PARK/RECRNT DEPT

66.67% OF FISCAL YEAR

DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES	CURRENT BUDGET	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	% OF BUDGET	BUDGET BALANCE
01-524-5111 REGULAR SALARIES	31,200.00	2,240.00	19,055.00	61.07	12,145.00
01-524-5120 LONGEVITY PAY	50.00	0.00	50.00	100.00	0.00
01-524-5121 OVERTIME	1,248.00	530.25	2,481.56	198.84 (1,233.56)
01-524-5125 FICA	2,490.00	211.38	1,647.11	66.15	842.89
01-524-5127 TMRS	4,912.00	421.91	3,247.21	66.11	1,664.79
01-524-5128 WORKERS COMPENSATION	623.00	0.00	622.66	99.95	0.34
01-524-5129 UNEMPLOYMENT FUTA	270.00	0.00	226.52	83.90	43.48
01-524-5131 GROUP INSURANCE	5,212.00	428.80	3,426.55	65.74	1,785.45
01-524-5198 CONTRACT LABOR	8,000.00	2,788.84	9,470.82	118.39 (1,470.82)
01-524-5201 FUEL & LUBRICANTS	1,101.00	260.82	1,025.61	93.15	75.39
01-524-5203 VEHICLE REPAIR PARTS	250.00	0.00	119.89	47.96	130.11
01-524-5204 EQUIPMENT REPAIR PARTS	800.00	0.00	667.67	83.46	132.33
01-524-5235 PARK DEPT SUPPLIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-524-5243 SAFETY SUPPLIES	200.00	282.72	297.05	148.53 (97.05)
01-524-5252 RECREATIONAL SUPPLIES	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
01-524-5253 PLAQUES & AWARDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-524-5261 CLOTHING & UNIFORMS	300.00	113.36	165.04	55.01	134.96
01-524-5273 SIGN & SIGN MATERIALS	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
01-524-5299 MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES	100.00	8.98	70.15	70.15	29.85
01-524-5303 VEHICLE REPAIRS	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
01-524-5306 MINOR EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	4,500.00	0.00	4,084.32	90.76	415.68
01-524-5308 EQUIPMENT LEASE / RENTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-524-5310 EMPLOYEE TESTING/PHYSICAL	200.00	0.00	125.50	62.75	74.50
01-524-5315 PARK MAINTENANCE	1,500.00	81.95	10,812.54	720.84 (9,312.54)
01-524-5341 ELECTRIC SERVICE	3,000.00	0.00	1,107.40	36.91	1,892.60
01-524-5343 WATER & SEWER SERVICE	3,500.00	163.00	1,251.67	35.76	2,248.33
01-524-5354 MOBILE PHONE/RADIO MAINT.	624.00	45.88	321.01	51.44	302.99
01-524-5363 OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-524-5372 INSURANCE-VEHICLE	142.00	0.00	142.00	100.00	0.00
01-524-5409 PARK PURCHASES/\$1	4,545.00	0.00	4,545.00	100.00	0.00
01-524-5411 PARK IMPROVEMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-524-5412 SKATE PARK PAVILION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-524-5416 MCGEE PARK SPRINKLER SYSTEM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-524-5418 RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-524-5462 SPECIAL PURPOSE EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-524-5464 PARK GRANT-BMX TRAIL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-524-5465 PARK GRANT \$	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-524-5600 CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL 24 -PARK/RECRNT DEPT	75,417.00	7,577.89	64,962.28	86.14	10,454.72

As observed on May 6, 2021

McGee Park

Lawn mowing at parks is rushed and not managed well.

Mower deck seems to be off level

Corners are not trimmed

Trimmings not cleaned up and scattered on basketball court

Basketball court stripping needs to be repainted

Basketball nets installed or new hops installed that take standard nets

Foul Ball markers need to be set back in proper place and painted

Bleachers need paint scrapped off and not painted

Fencing needs poles and supports to be leveled and fencing wired to support poles

Ball fields need to be dragged and mowed regularly

Trashcans need to be replaced or painted to match. Currently eclectic mix of plastic, metal and different colors

Netting around ballfield fencing needs to be tied to railing in many places, both top and bottom

Bottom fence rail of ballfields have missing brackets and the fencing needs to be secured to bottom rail in many places

Clean up grass to dirt transition baselines on ballfields. Grass is growing into baselines

Security lighting over basketball court to remain on until 10pm

McGee park sign at corner of Glenwick and Thurston needs to be painted green. Avoid yellow lettering.

Wooldridge Park (Skate Area)

French drain pipe needs to be pulled out and reset

Stonework needs to be reset in fixed into place

Large skate fixture needs to be cleaned out and the hole in the back patched

Capstones on southside of skate park need to be reset

Old security light remnants removed on west side, near entrance

New security light put in place

5/20/21 Parks Board Working Session 6:30pm - 7:45pm

McGee Park

Replace missing end cap on bleachers & clean.

Replace broken cement slab.

Clean and restore memorial area.

Replace broken plastic trash receptacles with metal.

Keep trash receptacles empty.

Remove sand from handicapped parking spaces.

Remove grass & re-mulch playground area.

Night lights on during daytime, reset timer.

Lighting in basketball area not working, check and / or repair all lighting.

Work requests not being completed, sometimes for years.

Repaint lines on basketball court. Youth / Regulation ?

Foul Ball markers backward, need painting (yellow).

Repair fencing around ball field. Poorly installed. Fencing not secured at ground level.

Ground on ball field not being dragged.

Bass lines not identifiable.

Repair mesh netting above backstop.

Trim trees covering mercury vapor light behind backstop.

Who has keys to lighting control box?

Event lighting must be off at 10pm.

Fencing at dugout exit too low.

Fencing damaged at ground level around around ball field.

Curbing in front of parking areas. Why?

Parking area used by residents.

Wooldridge Park

Corner sign missing. Replace w/ SKATE PARK sign with arrow.

All signs in park dilapidated.

Lighting for skating area removed.

Retaining wall still in disrepair.

Park needs mowing and trimmed.

Trees along property line need trimmed.

Skate area needs more rails, half pipe? Replace previously removed rails.

Water Feature ???

Still working on murals.

No Trash Cans.

Cut-out at rear of ramp still needs repair.

Remove master plan sign.

Divert funds from JR Park project to McGee Park. ?